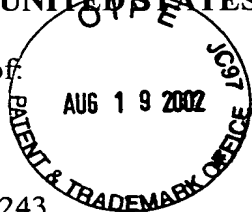


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Title: DEVICE FOR DELIVERING)
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MEDIA, ESPECIALLY FLUIDS)



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Attached is one (1) PTO-1449 sheet listing four (4) references, and the International Search Report that cited these references. I hereby certify that the enclosed documents listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 were cited in the attached International Search Report, dated November 24, 2000. Two of the foreign references are non-English, and the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these non-English foreign references. A statement of relevance is provided for the non-English foreign references as indicated below:

- (1) DE 41 26 124 A1 describes a solenoid driven water pump. The patent describes that the two iron cores (7) forming the reciprocating drive for the solenoid pump are joined by a non-magnetic steel tube and have a return spring support. The inlet valve has a ring-shaped flap element (2) held down by a relatively weak spring (3). A spring loaded outlet valve (8) vents water out of the pump chamber into an outlet chamber (9) with a gas pocket. The gas pocket absorbs the pressure

pulses from the pump action and provides a more even outflow of water. The solar generated power has variable pulse length and amplitude, depending on the sunlight level.

(2) WO 96/34196 describes a fuel injection device for an internal combustion engine.

The device works based on the principle of storage of energy in a solid body and is designed as a reciprocating piston pump with a feeding piston (35, 24) that stores kinetic energy during an almost resistance-free acceleration phase. The stored kinetic energy is abruptly transmitted to the fuel contained in a compression chamber (66), generating a pressure wave for injecting fuel through an injection nozzle. The means that interrupt the resistance-free acceleration phase are designed as a valve with a valve body (50a) and a valve seat (57) shaped on the feeding piston (35, 24). To generate the pressure wave, the valve closes the compression chamber (66) so that the kinetic energy of the feeding piston (35, 24) is transmitted to the fuel enclosed in the compression chamber (66). The valve seat (57) and the valve body (50a) lie at the front end of the feeding piston (35, 24), seen in the direction of injection, and separate the compression chamber 966) from the feeding piston (35, 24).

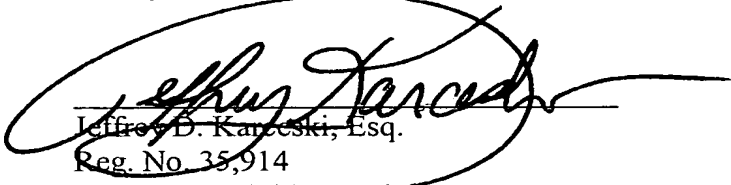
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form, page 1, with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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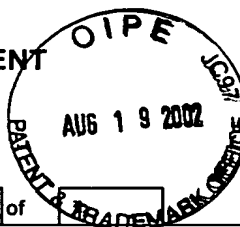
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